

MINUTES

City Council Meeting Tuesday, January 22, 2019 – 6:00 p.m.

Call to Order: Mayor Bethune called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Opening: Pastor Daren Russell, Chapel in the Gardens Presbyterian Church gave the invocation and Mayor Bethune led City Council in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Roll Call: Members: Mayor Bethune presided. Council Members: Mayor Pro-tem Bessie Kicklighter, Councilmember Bruce Campbell, Councilmember Rosetta Cody, Councilmember Marcia Daniel, Councilmember Ruiz and Councilmember Tice.

Staff: Ron Feldner, City Manager; James P. Gerard, City Attorney; Rhonda Ferrell-Bowles, Finance Director/Clerk of Council; Gilbert Ballard, Chief of Police; Corbin Medeiros, Fire Chief; Ron Alexander, Planning Director; Jackie Jackson, Special Projects Coordinator; Benny Gooze, Public Works Director; Ben Brengman, IT Director and Scott Robider, Code Enforcement Supervisor.

Presentation: Mayor Bethune and Chief Medeiros recognized Firefighter Jeff Mills as Firefighter of the Fourth Quarter of 2018.

Informal Public Comment: Mayor Bethune opened the floor for public comment.

Ms. Teresa Robinson, 4006 Fourth Street, said I have a house at 707 Davis Avenue that burned. She said I have been trying to renovate the house, but I'm having issues understanding what the building department needs me to do.

City Manager said I'll have to research this and then set up a meeting between staff and Ms. Robinson.

There being no further questions or comments, Mayor Bethune closed the informal public comment portion of the meeting.

City Council Minutes: Upon motion by Councilmember Kicklighter, seconded by Councilmember Tice, City Council voted unanimously to approve the council minutes dated 1/7/19 and the workshop synopsis dated 1/14/19.

Staff Reports:

Planning Director presented the Planning Department's year-end report for 2018.

Public Works Director presented the Public Works Department and Water Operations' year-end report for 2018.

Chief of Police presented the Police Department's year-end report for 2018.

Fire Chief presented the Fire Department's year-end report for 2018.

City Manager Updates & Announcements: City Manager said I have no updates or announcements.

Items for Consideration:

Resolution, Qualifying Fee: Clerk of Council read the heading of a resolution by the Mayor and Council to set the qualifying fee for the Office of Mayor at \$180 and \$108 for the Office of City Council for the general election in November 2019.

Upon motion by Councilmember Tice, seconded by Councilmember Cody, City Council voted unanimously to adopt the resolution.

Resolution, Municipal Election Duties: Clerk of Council read the heading of a resolution by the Mayor and Council to authorize the Board of Elections of Chatham County, Georgia, to perform all duties as the municipal superintendent of elections with the exception of the qualification of candidates which shall be the responsibility of the Clerk of Council and to authorize the Chatham County Board of Registration to perform the duties of absentee ballot clerk. Qualifying for Mayor and City Council will take place at City Hall commencing on Monday, August 19, 2019 at 8:30 a.m. and ending Thursday, August 22, 2019 at 4:00 p.m.

Upon motion by Councilmember Tice, seconded by Councilmember Campbell, City Council voted unanimously to adopt the resolution.

Resolution, Brunch Bill Referendum: Clerk of Council read the heading of a resolution by the Mayor and Council to call for a referendum election to be held on November 5, 2019, to permit the voters of Garden City to decide whether Garden City is authorized to permit and regulate Sunday sales of distilled spirits or alcoholic beverages for by the drink from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Upon motion by Councilmember Campbell, seconded by Councilmember Cody, City Council voted unanimously to adopt the resolution.

Resolution, Level One Freeport Exemption Referendum: Clerk of Council read the heading of a resolution pursuant to the Georgia Constitution, the Official Code of Georgia Sections 48-5-48.2 and the City of Garden City Charter calling for a special election for a referendum for the purpose of submitting the question of whether or not the governing authority of Garden City, Georgia, shall be authorized to exempt from ad valorem taxation certain tangible personal property held by a fulfillment center as allowed by a Level One Freeport Exemption.

Upon motion by Councilmember Ruiz, seconded by Councilmember Tice, City Council voted unanimously to adopt the resolution.

Resolution, GDOT Time Task Force Program: Clerk of Council read the heading of a resolution by the Mayor and Council to adopt the Georgia Open Roads Policy and quick clearing principles and practices developed in the 2011 Georgia Traffic Incident Management Guidelines.

Upon motion by Councilmember Tice, seconded by Councilmember Daniel, City Council voted unanimously to adopt the resolution.

FY2019 Municipal Court Fee Schedule: Clerk of Council said we have for consideration by the Mayor and City Council of the updated municipal court fee schedule for fiscal year 2019.

Upon motion by Councilmember Kicklighter, seconded by Councilmember Cody, City Council voted unanimously to adopt the resolution.

Adjournment: Upon motion by Councilmember Campbell, seconded by Councilmember Ruiz, City Council voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:28 p.m.

Transcribed and submitted by: Clerk of Council

Accepted and approved by: City Council 2/4/19